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For : ANTIGENIC POLYPEPTIDE )
 SEQUENCE OF FACTOR VIII,
 FRAGMENTS AND/OR EPITOPES )
 OF THIS SEQUENCE )

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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2002 (Paper No. 19), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please amend claims 31-36 as follows:

- 31. (Twice Amended) An antigenic fragment of the human Factor VIII polypeptide, said fragment comprising at least 7 amino acids of a human Factor VIII fragment selected from the group consisting of a human Factor VIII fragment contained between arginine 1652 and arginine 1696 inclusive, a human Factor VIII fragment contained between threonine 1739 and aspartic acid 1831 inclusive, and a human Factor VIII fragment contained between glutamic acid 1885 and arginine 1917 inclusive.
- 32. (Twice Amended) The antigenic polypeptide according to Claim 31, wherein said human Factor VIII fragment comprises an epitope selected from the group consisting of:

